

Claim 14. Applicant hereby withdraws his prior request the Examiner note that claim 14 is pending on the record and identify its status. **Claim 14 is hereby canceled.**

Applicant again notes that claims, 1, 5-10 and 13, as previously presented, are free from prior art rejections.

No interviews were held

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The examiner is thanked for her helpful suggestions made in telephone conversations held on October 29, 2009 (to discuss a detailed claim to avoid appeal), January 19, 2010 (to discuss FAX informal submission (claim 15) of January 14, 2010) and January 27, 2010 (with immediate following FAX informal submission of claim proposal including claim 16).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1, 5-10 and 13. These claims were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, on grounds of new matter. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, he has canceled these claims to expedite prosecution to finality. **Claims 1, 5-10 and 13** (all of the pending claims in the application) are hereby canceled.

Claim 15. This independent claim is new. It incorporates all of the elements of claim 1 as previously presented, and further recites significant, detailed structural limitations, clearly present in the original text and drawing disclosure, to define and limit the invention to a retractable barrier wherein the skirt and the spool are a one piece structure. This claim is believed to be free of the art and supported by the original disclosure. Allowance is respectfully requested.